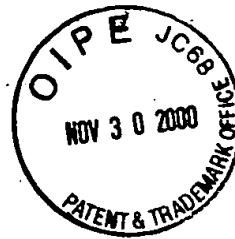


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REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Office Action. The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Entry of this paper, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Specification:

In the specification, a number of editorial corrections have been made. On page 4, Equation 4, "Estimad_RMS" has been changed to --Estimated_RMS-- to correct a typographical error as requested by the Examiner. This and other corrections are editorial in nature and do not add new matter.

Claims:

Claims 1 - 27 are pending in the application. Claims 1 - 3, 5, 14, 18 and 22 - 25 are rejected. Claims 4, 15 - 17, 19 - 20, 26 and 27 have been cancelled. New claims 28 - 32 have been added in order to round out the scope of the invention. Applicant believes that these new claims are broader than the cancelled claims.

Allowable Subject Matter and Claim Objections

Applicant notes the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4, 6 - 13, 15 - 17, 19 - 21, 26 and 27. Claims 4, 6 - 13, 15 - 17, 19 - 21, 26 and 27 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 4, 15 - 17, 19 - 20, 26 and 27 have been cancelled because they have been issued in independent form in US Patent 6,047,035, of which the present application is a continuation. In making this cancellation, Applicant does not surrender patentable subject matter nor creates any estoppel.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1 - 3, 5, 14, 18 and 22 - 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Yang (U.S. Patent No. 5,671,221).

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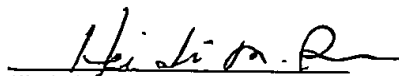
Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection because Yang does not disclose all elements of claims 1, 14, 18 and 22. In particular, Yang is silent as to quantization correction commands. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that this rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 2, 3 and 5 are dependent from claim 1, claim 21 is dependent from claim 18, and claims 23 - 25 are dependent from claim 22. Applicant therefore respectfully asserts that the rejection of claims 2, 3, 5, 21 and 23 - 25 should be withdrawn.

Furthermore, claims 6 - 13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, namely claim 1. Applicant therefore respectfully asserts that the objection to claims 6 - 13 should be withdrawn.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments as to this paper, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the address and telephone number below. Allowance of pending claims 1 - 3, 5 - 14, 18, 21, 22 - 25 and 28 - 32 is respectfully requested.

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